UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. White
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1 - Mr. Cunningham
DATE: January 24, 1975
1 - Mr. Kilty
1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Bresson

TO : Mr. White

FROM : Mr. W. E. Williams MEW/Rf

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST OF HAROLD WEISBERG

Reference is made to Legal Counsel to J. B. Adams' memorandum of December 17, 1974, wherein it was recommended that the Laboratory Division review Weisberg's request for information concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and identify pertinent material available which may satisfy his request.

Weisberg indicates in his letter that he is interested in "the report itself" or "the complete report only"; however, since these are available to him at National Archives, his request must extend beyond these documents.

The material available in this case falls into three categories. 1. All of the background information and data accumulated during the actual examinations of the evidence specimens. 2. The compositional analyses arrived at from calculations of the raw data. 3. The final reports.

Spectrographic analyses were conducted on bullets and/or fragments therefrom, lead fragments and several items of clothing. Examinations by neutron activation were conducted on the above-mentioned bullet and lead materials and on paraffin casts taken from the hands of Oswald. The results of all these examinations, with the exception of the neutron activation studies of the bullet and lead materials, have been included in the FBI Laboratory reports. The results of the neutron activation examinations of the bullet and lead materials are contained in a letter to J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, The President's Commission, dated July 8, 1964. This letter and the FBI Laboratory reports are available in the National Archives.

The Laboratory has on hand spectrographic plates and neutron activation analysis data which were used to calculate answers and make judgments regarding the compositions of the materials examined. As with most scientific data, interpretations of these plates and neutron activation analyses data will not stand alone but must be accompanied by technical

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